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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, According to the National Cancer Institute, over
3 15,000 children and adolescents from birth to age 19 will be
4 diagnosed with cancer each year; cancer remains the second
5 leading cause of death in children and adolescents; and

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WHEREAS, Although survival rates for most childhood
7 cancers have improved in recent decades, there is still much
8 work to be done; and

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WHEREAS, Last year, at age 16, Nora Leonard was diagnosed
10 with Hepatocellular Neoplasm, a common form of liver cancer;
11 her parents, Kelly Leonard and Anne Libera, longtime creative
12 executives at Second City, created the Twitter hashtag Team
13 Nora as a way to send updates about her treatment; it quickly
14 took off and found the support of actors, comedians, and
15 politicians; from Tina Fey to Hillary Clinton, people across
16 the United States and abroad sent selfies and tweets to show
17 their support for Team Nora; and

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WHEREAS, Team Nora has become not only a great way to
19 support Nora in her fight against Hepatocellular Neoplasm but
20 also a way to show children and teenagers across the United
21 States that they are not alone in their fight against cancer;
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1 WHEREAS, Team Nora presents a newly-found awareness for
2 childhood cancers; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare July 10,
5 2019 Team Nora Day in the State of Illinois to raise awareness
6 of childhood cancers and the pressing need for continued
7 research and innovative treatment; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we support the many patients and their
9 caregivers, the doctors, nurses, and hospital volunteers who
10 help these children; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
12 presented to Nora Leonard, Kelly Leonard, and Anne Libera as an
13 expression of our esteem and respect.